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PLEASE PASS CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, ATLANTA

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SUBJECT: "LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE"

1. DR. STEPHEN AUST, PROFESSOR AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND PRESENTLY ON LEAVE AT RUAKURA AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER, HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND, TELEPHONED EMBASSY TO SUGGEST THAT POSSIBLE CAUSE OF PHILADELPHIA "LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE" MAY BE PARAQUAT TOXICITY. AUST SAYS HE HAS DONE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON MATTER, INCLUDING THE DETERMINATION OF PARAQUAT TOXICITY IN FOUR RECENT DEATHS IN NEW ZEALAND. HE SUGGESTS THAT CDC MAY WANT TO CONTACT DR. ANNE P. AUTOR, TOXICOLOGY CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA WHO HAS ALSO DONE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON THE HERBICIDE AND RELATED DEATHS.

2. EMBASSY IS CHARY OF HOMEGROWN CURES BUT DR. AUST'S CREDENTIALS AND THE SEVERITY OF THE CASE SEEM TO MERIT BRINGING THE FOREGOING TO YOUR ATTENTION.
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